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S. RES. 302

Honoring Ted Williams and extending the condolences of the Senate on his death.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 9, 2002

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REID, and Mr. BYRD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring Ted Williams and extending the condolences of the Senate on his death.

Whereas Theodore Samuel Williams served the Nation with honor and distinction as a Naval Aviator during World War II and as a Marine fighter pilot during the Korean War;

Whereas Ted Williams, during his service in the Marines during the Korean War, flew on 39 combat missions and earned an Air Medal and 2 Gold Stars;

Whereas Ted Williams became the greatest hitter in baseball history while playing with the Boston Red Sox from 1939–1960;

Whereas Ted Williams, during his career with the Boston Red Sox, even after losing 5 years to military service, had

2654 total hits, 521 home runs, and a lifetime batting average of .344;

Whereas as a member of the Boston Red Sox, Ted Williams hit for an average of .406 in 1941 and was the last major league baseball player to hit for an average above .400;

Whereas as a member of the Boston Red Sox, Ted Williams led the American League in batting 6 times, in slugging percentage 9 times, in total bases 6 times, and in runs scored 6 times;

Whereas as a member of the Boston Red Sox, Ted Williams won 2 Triple Crowns, was twice named the Most Valuable Player of the American League, and was chosen as an American League All-Star 16 times;

Whereas Ted Williams was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1966; and

Whereas Ted Williams provided invaluable assistance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through his efforts on behalf of and in support for the Jimmy Fund in order to help eradicate cancer in children: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors the achievements of Ted Williams;

3 (2) expresses its deepest sympathies and condo-

4 lences to the family of Ted Williams on his passing;

5 and

6 (3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-

7 mit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family

8 of Ted Williams.